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1. Staff officers of the HVA were called to a meeting at which approximately twenty Russian officers were introduced. The party of Russians, some of whom were members of the SKK from Karlshorst, was headed by General Petrakovski, who, after being received by Chefinspekteur Heinrich Heitsch, HVA Chief of Staff, announced that the purpose of the visit was to provide an opportunity for the HVA officials to meet the Soviet officers who were being assigned to the various departments at command level to assist the department chiefs in their work.
2. Petrakovski then proceeded to assign three officers to Heitsch, three to Chefinspekteur Rudolf Doelling, head of Hauptabteilung Polit/Kultur, three to Chefinspekteur Fritz Koehn, head of Abteilung Personal, three to Chefinspekteur Hans Wulz, and three to Chefinspekteur Hans von Weech, head of Hauptabteilung Intendantur.
3. The remaining Russians were not assigned to any particular department, but apparently were commissioned to visit and inspect various sections.
4. One of the Soviet officers assigned to Hauptabteilung Intendantur was Lt. Col. Nevirov, who was introduced to the department personnel by von Weech and Russian General Makarov. Nevirov was especially interested in the management of the Vehicle Section of the department.
5. The Soviets appeared to be particularly interested in the matter of security, and Nevirov stated on one occasion that it had come to the attention of the SKK that information had leaked out which could only have come from the Abteilungen Verschlusssachen of the HVA. He did not specify the nature of the information in question.
6. One of the results of the Soviet recommendations made during the inspection tour was the decision to reduce the number of Abteilungen Verschlusssachen to three, one under Heitsch, one under von Weech and one under Doelling, thereby supplanting the old system in which each Hauptabteilung had its own Abteilung Verschlusssachen by a more secure structure. It was further recommended that all documents taken from these Abteilungen should be signed for and returned by 6:00 P.M. each day.
7. The Russian officers left the HVA on 10 June 1950.

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